



EMPLOYMENT

For 2005, the sectors that are expected to be strongest in the local economy are Natural Resources and Mining, Wholesale Trade, Construction, Financial Activities, and Accommodation. Though Manufacturing declined slightly in 2004, a modest gain is expected in 2005.

December Employment Figures:

- Civilian Labor Force: 440,000 (up 2.2% over December 2003)
- Total Employment: 426,700 (up 2.8% over December 2003)
- Total Wage & Salary Employment: 362,700 (up 2.1% over December 2003)
- Unemployment Rates: Pima County = 4.7% Arizona = 5.0%; U.S. = 5.2%

METRO AREA EMPLOYMENT*

SECTOR	2005 FORECAST	04-05 % CHANGE
Wage & Salary	366,500	3.9
Manufacturing	29,100	2.5
Natural Resources and Mining	1,500	11.7
Construction	25,400	6.7
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	56,900	3.6
Information	7,700	1.6
Financial Activities	16,500	7.8
Professional and Business Services	45,000	6.2
Leisure and Hospitality	39,500	5.5
Government	79,600	1.6

*Source: Economic & Business Research Program, College of Business & Public Administration, Univ. of Arizona, February 2005

Links to Detailed Employment and Economic Data for Tucson and Arizona:

- [Tucson Metro Area Employment: Estimates and Projections, 1950- 2040](#) (PDF 25KB / 2 pages)
- [Pima County Unemployment Rate: 1983- 2004](#) (PDF 46KB / 1 page)
- [Arizona's Economy](#) (Internet Link)
- [The Star 200 Top Employers](#) (internet link)
- [Arts in Tucson's Economy](#) (Internet Link)
- [Employment Growth Table, Tucson Metro Area: 2003-2004](#) (PDF 45KB / 2 pages)